General Assembly

Proposed Bill No. 5199

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LCO No. **1480**

Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
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AN ACT CONCERNING THE TERMINATION OF INPATIENT OR OUTPATIENT SERVICES OFFERED BY A HOSPITAL.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

That chapter 638z of the general statutes be amended to (1) require a hospital to demonstrate, with clear and convincing evidence, to the Office of Health Strategy in conjunction with an application for a certificate of need for the termination of any inpatient or outpatient services that such termination would not decrease health care accessibility or affordability in the affected area, (2) require the Office of Health Strategy to notify the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health regarding a hospital's appeal of a decision of said office denying an application for a certificate of need for the termination of any inpatient or outpatient services, and (3) prohibit the overturning of a decision by the Office of Health Strategy denying a hospital's application for a certificate of need for the termination of inpatient or outpatient services absent any new information that was otherwise unavailable at the time said office rendered its decision denying such application.

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) prohibit the termination of inpatient or outpatient services provided by a hospital without clear and convincing evidence that such termination would not decrease health care accessibility or affordability in the affected area, (2) require the notification of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health regarding the need for termination of any inpatient or outpatient services offered by a hospital, and (3) prohibit the overturning of a decision made by the Office of Health Strategy denying an application for a certificate of need for termination of inpatient or outpatient services offered by a hospital absent new evidence.